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SUBJ: KENYA BANS ALL HUNTING

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT RELEASED BY KENYA GOVERNMENT MAY 19:

2. QUOTE: GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO BAN ALL HUNTING IN KENYA WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. ALL HUNTING LICENCES ARE, THEREFORE, CANCELLED FORTHWITH. THIS APPLIES TO ALL INDIVIDUAL HUNTERS, PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS AND COMPANIES HOLDING HUNTING CONCESSIONS. PERSONS AND OR COMPANIES CURRENTLY HOLDING HUNTING CONCESSIONS TOGETHER WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS WILL NOW TURN THEIR HUNTING SAFARIS TO PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARIS, BUT THEY MUST APPLY IMMEDIATELY FOR THE NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC LICENCES IF THEY WISH TO DO SO. NOBODY WILL BE ALLOWED TO COME INTO KENYA OR ENTER ANY RURAL AREA OF THE COUNTRY WITH FIREARMS OR ANY WEAPONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING. ALL AREAS (SIC) WILL NOW BE CONVERTED FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARIS. THE FIREARMS BUREAU IS INSTRUCTED TO CANCEL ALL LICENCES FOR FIREARMS RELATED TO HUNTING WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. OFFICERS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE AND ALL LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC

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ARE INSTRUCTED TO IMPLEMENT THIS GOVERNMENT ORDER WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND STOP ALL HUNTING ACTIVITIES FROM TODAY. UNQUOTE.

3. GEORGE MUHOHO, DIRECTOR OF KENYA'S ENVIRONMENTAL SECRETARIAT CALLED BAN QUOTE. ELECTRIFYING AND BOLD MOVE UNQUOTE. IN ANNOUNCING BAN

MINISTER FOR TOURISM MATHEWS OGUTU CALLED IT TOTAL AND
OF INDEFINITE DURATION. HE SAID EVEN HUNTING ON PRIVATE
LAND FORBIDDEN. LAND MAY BELONG TO INDIVIDUAL, BUT
ANIMALS ON IT BELONG TO GOVERNMENT. MINISTER ADMITTED
THAT CONTROLLED HUNTING DOES NOT ENDANGER WILDLIFE IN
AGGREGATE, BUT GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY LOOKED UPON BAN
PARTLY AS ANTI-POACHING MEASURE. TOURISM SHOULD GAIN. PROFE-
SSIONAL HUNTERS WITH CONTRACTS IN FORCE ARE BOUND TO BE ADVERSELY
AFFECTED AS ARE CURIO SHOPS AND TROPHY DEALERS DEALING
IN ANIMAL PRODUCTS. OGUTU ADVISED THEM TO TURN TO
OTHER KINDS OF BUSINESS; EVERY WILD ANIMAL IN KENYA IS
PROTECTED FROM TODAY.
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